

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE URBAN  
DISTRICT OF LITTLE CROSBY for the year ending 31st DECEMBER 1908.

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Gentlemen,

It is my pleasing duty to submit to you my Report for the past year, which I am again pleased to note as very favourable from a Sanitary and development aspect. The year has not been remarkable for anything of special interest, and the usual good health has, as in former years, been fully maintained.

The Sanitary arrangements have been duly attended to, and not a single case that could be traced to defective sanitation has occurred. - One complaint of a reported nuisance was received from a resident in the Hightown portion of the district; but with proper carrying out of instructions by the tenant no nuisance should really exist.

The Hightown section is the seat of rapid developments from a building standpoint, and until proposed sewerage schemes are carried out to completion several dwellings will perforce be compelled to use the cesspool system; but this will not be of long duration.

The Yeomanry Camp at Hightown was not held this year and the ground will probably be taken up as building land.

The Patent Brickworks have been in operation periodically and the bricks are largely entering into the construction of the residences being erected in their vicinity; and the durability of these bricks from several years experience and observation is making a very favourable impression and rapidly removing a certain amount of prejudice which existed when they were first exploited.

The roadways throughout the district are in a good state of repair, especially the ~~new~~ road to Southport and the Moss Lane, which have never been in as good a condition as at the present time. The experimental road work with the Tar







and Asphalt over Macadam is making satisfactory progress and will I feel convinced ere long do much to counteract the Motor Car dust nuisance.

I have received Local Government papers with regard to recent enactments concerning the notification of Tuberculous cases occurring in the District for the purpose of statistical reporting of same.

I consider it advisable to draw the attention of the Council to a tendency to overcrowding in the cottages of the Old village of Little Crosby in keeping with the rapid increase of population in neighbouring districts and an influx of dwellers in the cottages.

The dairy farm at Hightown received periodic inspection but I consider it would be to the interest of both the Landlord and tenant if new dwellinghouse, shippens and Milk Storage buildings were erected as a much greater demand will probably be made upon the milk supply at Hightown in the near future.


Only one case of infectious or contagious disease occurred in the district during the year, namely, a case of Erysipelas at the Lion Lodge of Crosby Hall. Proper precautions were taken and there was no spread of the disease.

There have been registered in the district during the year 1908, 11 Births and 3 Deaths. As the population (owing to the erection of new houses and their being tenanted) may be estimated at 630) this gives us a Birth Rate of 17.46 per 1,000 and a Death Rate of 4.76 per 1,000 of the population. The Infantile Death Rate is Nil per 1,000 births. The Zymotic Death Rate is similar to the previous year, namely, Nil per 1,000 of the population.

The Medical Inspection of School Children is in the hands of the Lancashire County Council.

Though we have not required its services this year, I still commend the foresight of your Council in having made





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satisfactory arrangements for dealing with our Infectious cases at the Infectious Diseases Hospitals of the Corporation of the City of Liverpool at Fazakerley.

I consider the district to be in a very healthy condition and remarkably free from disease, the general health of the *population* at the present time being good and I congratulate the Council and the District to be in a position to place such an excellent Report for the year just concluded.

I remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD BUXTON, M. D.

Medical Officer of Health.

5th January 1909.

